

Guam and other communities as far away as Springdale, Arkansas.

Many citizens of the Freely Associated States serve proudly in the United States military.

However, insufficient support from the federal government causes serious strain on local jurisdictions with significant Compact migrant communities.

The costs borne by GovGuam and other local governments are simply unsustainable.

Congress must act to provide federal relief to Guam and other jurisdictions required to serve these underprivileged Compact migrant communities.

Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what the Compact Impact Relief Act would do.

Our bill includes novel policy changes that would provide additional federal resources for Guam, Hawai'i, and other states and territories.

In particular, the Compact Impact Relief Act ensures that Guam—and other territories—can utilize fully important federal programs including: Job Corps centers funded by the U.S. Department of Labor; national and community service programs like AmeriCorps and the Youth Conservation Corps; and an accurate 10-year census that counts Compact migrant residents.

Our bill would permit Guam and other affected jurisdictions to apply costs spent providing public services to Compact migrants toward the non-federal portion required to provide Medicaid to Americans.

The bill also classifies Compact migrant schoolchildren as “federally connected students” to make local schools serving them eligible for impact aid funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

Importantly, our bill authorizes additional funding so that Compact migrant students do not take resources away from school districts receiving federal impact aid currently.

Next, our bill requires comprehensive assessments of: the Compacts and their implementation; the economies of jurisdiction affected by the Compacts and the three Freely Associated States; and the unique health needs of Pacific Islanders.

As the United States looks to renew the Compacts ahead of their expiration in fiscal year 2023, the federal government cannot continue to force local jurisdictions to shoulder the substantial costs of accommodating Compact migrants.

Guam and other states and territories affected by Compact migrants need to be reimbursed fairly for the costs of serving these underprivileged communities.

Congress must increase mandatory funding for Compact impact to the level recommended by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), as I have called for consistently.

In the meantime, I urge this House to pass the practical policy changes included in my Compact Impact Relief Act into law.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday, January 8,

and Tuesday, January 9, 2018, due to a family emergency.

If I had been able to vote, I would have voted as follows:

On the Quorum Call for establishing a quorum in the House of Representatives for the Second Session of the 115th Congress, I would have answered “present.”

On H. Res. 676, supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests, and for other purposes, I would have voted “yea.”

On H.R. 4564, the Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017, I would have voted “yea.”

On H.R. 4581, the Screening and Vetting Passenger Exchange Act of 2017, I would have voted “yea.”

#### IN HONOR OF PHYLLIS HAHN'S RECOGNITION FOR HER OUT- STANDING WORK SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Phyllis Hahn on being recognized with twin Certificates of Commendation for her outstanding cooperation and participation in serving our veterans.

Inspired by her family's long tradition of military service and the deep national patriotism and commitment to supporting our armed forces she grew up with during World War II, Phyllis has been dedicated to assisting and honoring our veterans for almost 70 years. Phyllis joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 1 at 15 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 3511 one year later because she was too young to serve in the military herself. Since then, she has been an active and faithful member of both organizations, currently serving as the president of the American Legion Auxiliary and treasurer of the VFW Auxiliary.

Phyllis' patriotism and dedication to supporting our veterans is exceptional. She understands the needs of our former servicemen and is committed to giving them the assistance they need and deserve. Phyllis has made an excellent example to her friends, her family, and people across our state.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Phyllis Hahn for her recognition, and thank her for her commitment and many contributions to our veterans and to our great state.

#### RECOGNIZING GREG KOSTKA IN HONOR OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, each year for the past 57 years the Congress has passed annual legislation to authorize the

policies, programs, and activities of the Department of Defense. Today, we refer to this important legislation as the National Defense Authorization Act. Crafting this bill is no easy task, and it couldn't be done without the countless hours of work put in by the House Armed Services Committee staff and the attorneys at the House Office of Legislative Counsel. Today, I rise to honor a member of the legislative counsel team to thank him for his 31 years of service to the House of Representatives, and especially to the House Armed Services Committee.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Greg Kostka joined the House Office of Legislative Counsel in 1986 and has had a hand in the drafting of each National Defense Authorization Act since the Fiscal Year 1989 bill. While Greg's focus areas have been in military personnel, military justice, military construction, and readiness, he is known by his colleagues as someone capable of drafting in virtually any area of defense law if called upon. And from 2016 to 2017, Greg served as the defense team lead in the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Greg's expertise and interest in the military extended beyond his time drafting legislation in his office. As an amateur historian of the Civil War, Greg wrote an unofficial history of the role of the Third U.S. Regular Infantry during the American Civil War. I understand that he also participated in Civil War reenactments.

Greg was a regular participant in annual legislative update programs for the military's Judge Advocate Generals and accompanied committee staff on visits to several military installations. Greg brought his expertise and interest with him every day, and his work showed that he cared deeply about the men and women who serve in uniform.

Greg's professionalism and institutional knowledge have been greatly appreciated by his colleagues in the Office of Legislative Counsel as well as by Members and staff who have had the pleasure of working with him over the years. After 31 years of dedicated service to the House of Representatives, Greg announced his retirement from the Office of Legislative Counsel on December 31, 2017.

On behalf of all the Members and staff of the House Armed Services Committee, I offer my sincere gratitude to Greg for his expertise and wise counsel over the years and wish him, and his wife Jeanine, all the best in his retirement.

#### HONORING GUS FRANK, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gus Frank, Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council, who recently announced that he is retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to his tribe. Gus has worked tirelessly for the benefit of his people—and he's always done it with a smile on his face. I'm proud to have worked with Gus for several years on many issues affecting our communities and I'm proud to call him a friend. I congratulate him on his retirement. Gus has truly earned it.

HONORING CARRIE STUART OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 10, 2018*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to my constituent, Carrie Stuart, on more than 20 years of service with the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce.

Carrie began her tenure at the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce as a temporary employee, but later became the full-time Office Manager. In 2008, she was named the organization's president.

During her tenure, the Chamber created a dialogue with other economic organizations in Adams County to attract new businesses and grow the local economy, instituted new programs to benefit Chamber members, invested thousands of dollars back into the local community, and worked with the business and education community to identify critical workforce development needs.

Carrie also has been an active member of many community service organizations, including the United Way of Adams County, Main Street Gettysburg, the Adams Economic Alliance, and many others.

Carrie Stuart's tireless dedication and professionalism has touched the lives of countless people and challenges all with whom she serves to be the best. She continues to build an impressive legacy of service to our community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I thank and congratulate Carrie Stuart on her 20 years of service and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF ANN ELIZABETH LEE

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 10, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Ann Elizabeth Lee, a longtime resident of Conroe, TX, and a devoted educator, community leader, and friend.

Born in Austin, TX, Ann Lee discovered her natural talent and love for music at an early age. After relocating with her family to Taylor, TX, Ann worked to improve her musical abilities and became heavily involved in music programs, such as the Honors Band, Stage Band, and the choir at Taylor High School.

Upon her graduation, Ann attended Sam Houston State University, where she majored in Music Education and continued to refine her talent. Ultimately, Ann graduated magna cum laude, ranking in the top ten percent of her class.

In 1977, Ann moved to Conroe, TX, where she began a new chapter of her life as the choral director for Conroe High School—a position she held for eight years. Throughout her time in Conroe, Ann worked with countless young men and women, instilling in them a love for music and a discipline that would

guide them throughout the remainder of their lives.

In addition to her position at the high school, Ann took on the role of Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church in Conroe. There, Ann uncovered her passion for music ministry, began performing for her church's congregation, and worked tirelessly to serve her community. Her love for the people of Conroe led her to join the Conroe Lions Club, where she worked in her community for over thirty years.

In 1984, Ann became the director of the Conroe Chorale. Ann took the Chorale, now known as the Montgomery County Choral Society, to new heights. She organized community concerts and traveled with the group on multiple international trips, taking their performances and concerts across Europe.

Ann's passion for her students, her church, her community, and her music led her to positively influence the lives of everyone who crossed her path. She made a lasting impact on the people of Conroe, and I was honored to call her my friend.

I join Ann's family, friends, and the thousands of people she impacted over her lifetime in recognizing and honoring her many years of service to the Conroe Community. Ann passed away on November 13, 2017, and she will be sorely missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHILIP MARKOWICZ

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 10, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Philip Markowicz, who was a resident of Sylvania, Ohio and Aventura, Florida. Phil was also a renowned author and lecturer on the Holocaust and Judaism as a survivor of the Holocaust. As a business leader, he founded Phil's TV and Appliance in Toledo, Ohio.

Phil was born in 1924 in Przerab, Poland where he attended the Przedborz Yeshiva and was known as a Bible and Talmud prodigy, and had the intention of becoming ordained as a rabbi.

Unfortunately, the 1939 Nazi Invasion of Poland shutdown the Przedborz Yeshiva and as a teenager through the first years of World War II Phil was confined in the Lodz Ghetto working as a slave laborer under Nazi rule. He spent all of his nonworking time in intensive study of many of the classic works of history, philosophy and political thought, supplementing his orthodox religious studies.

When the Lodz Ghetto was dismantled, Phil was deported by the Nazis to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. He realized that staying there meant certain death and he sneaked into an outside work detail, avoiding the gas chambers and crematoria. Along with his brother, Henry, he survived slave labor concentration camps, disease, beatings and starvation, culminating in a death march, until he was liberated by the American forces in the spring of 1945. His body was wracked with typhus and tuberculosis and he weighed only 87 pounds. He and his brother were the only survivors of the Holocaust—their entire family had perished.

After a few months of recovery in a hospital, Phil was sent to a Displaced Persons camp in Germany where he was elected to the governing council. It was there that he met and married his wife, Ruth Fajerman Markowicz, who was also a Holocaust survivor, and they had a son, Allen Markowicz. The Markowicz marriage and the birth of their son were the first of each in the camp.

After waiting for five years, the family was permitted to immigrate to the United States in 1950, and upon arriving in Toledo, Ohio, Phil found employment, sometimes working two or three jobs at a time while studying the newly growing field of television and electronics. In less than 10 years Phil and his wife Ruth established a successful business, Phil's TV and Appliance, and added two daughters to their family, Sylvia and Diane.

Phil eventually resumed his study of Torah. He wrote a well-received memoir, *My Three Lives*. A musical oratorio which was inspired by Mr. Markowicz's life and philosophical writings, *Tikvah (Hope)*, has been performed at the Toledo Museum of Art; in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois; at Bowling Green State University; at the Detroit Holocaust Memorial Museum; in North Carolina; at the Jewish Theater of the South in Atlanta; and was part of the Martin Luther King Memorial Week ceremonies in Atlanta in 2006. Phil was a featured interviewee on the award-winning documentary *Bearing Witness: The Voices of Our Survivors*.

Phil spoke on the Holocaust and on Torah at various venues, including Universities, secondary schools, religious institutions, seminars and Public Television. He was invited to lead religious services, read from the Torah and its accompanying Haftarah, and present sermons. Phil served as a president of the Tarbut Society, one of the Torah study groups in which he participated, and was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Sylvania, Ohio and the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center Synagogue in Aventura, Florida.

In addition to his wife, Ruth, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Diane Markowicz; his brother, Henry Markowicz; and the rest of his family in the Holocaust.

Phil will ultimately be remembered for his dedication to his family, and we offer his children, Dr. Allen and Sylvia, his nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and his friends our prayers. May they find comfort in the poignant and profound memories of what Phil endured and survived, and what his life has embodied for generations to come.

SUPPORTING H.R. 535 AND H.R. 3320

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 10, 2018*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of two measures, H.R. 535 and H.R. 3320.

Both of these measures are aimed at strengthening our bonds with Taiwan, a partner in every sense of the word—in trade, in technology, and in culture. Over the last decade, Taiwan has emerged as a vibrant and liberal democracy of more than 23 million people, and remains a key ally in the Asia Pacific region. I support H.R. 535, which would